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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGERJN HENRY A.) CH US

SUBJECT: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO PEKING

1. YOU MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING GUIDANCE TO RESPOND TO HOST GOVERNMENT QUERIES ABOUT SECRETARY'S TALKS IN PEKING. POSTS SHOULD AVOID RESPONDING TO PRESS QUERIES.

2. A. PURPOSE OF TRIP WAS TWO-FOLD: TO CONTINUE SERIES OF HIGH-LEVEL US-PRC DISCUSSIONS ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND BILATERAL RELATIONS, AND TO PREPARE FOR PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT.

B. ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESIDENT'S VISIT WERE DISCUSSED AND WILL BE PURSUED THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS. DATES OF VISPT WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

C. SECRETARY HAD WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSIONS WITH MAO, VICE CONFIDENTIAL

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PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING AND FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA.

PREDICTABLY, THERE WERE POINTS OF DIFFERENCE IN INTER-NATIONAL OUTLOOKS, ALONG LINES OF THE PUBLIC POSITIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES, BUT THERE WAS ALSO COMMON GROUND.

D. THE VISIT WAS NOT CONCERNED WITH NEGOTIATING SETTLEMENT OF THIRD COUNTRY PROBLEMS.

E. CHINESE OFFICIALS DID NOT PRESS FOR RAPID U.S. MOVEMENT ON TAIWAN PROBLEM.

F. ALTHOUGH DRAMATIC PROGRESS IN NORMALIZATION OF US-PRC RELATIONS WILL NOT COME THIS YEAR, U.S. INTENDS TO PURSUE POLICY OF NORMALIZATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.

G. US-PRC DAY-TO-DAY BILATERAL RELATIONS, E.G. TRADE AND EXCHANGES, ARE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE AT ABOUT RECENT LEVELS.

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